



AMENDMENT 1 TO ANNOUNCEMENT LS-121

MAY 2006

PURCHASE OF FRESH BONELESS BEEF FOR FUTURE PROCESSING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHILD NUTRITION AND OTHER FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

This amendment is issued to: (1) modify Section I.C., Offer Price and Evidence of Delivery; (2) reflect changes in Section I.D.4., Food Defense Requirements; (3) modify Section I.D.5., Documentation and Assessment Requirements; (4) revise Section II. E. 4., Certifications; (5) revise Section III, Acceptance of Offers; (6) provide a new Exhibit G purchase schedule; and, (7) issue a new Technical Requirements Schedule for Fresh, Chilled Boneless Beef.

Please add "Amendment 1" to all references of "Announcement LS-121" and "Announcement".

In the Announcement, delete all references to "Technical Requirements Schedule (TRS)-BB-2005, Fresh Chilled Boneless Beef for Further Processing, dated April 2005" and replace with "Technical Requirements Schedule (TRS)-BB-2006, Fresh Chilled Boneless Beef for Further Processing dated May 2006"

Section I.C. Offer Price and Evidence of Delivery

Please insert the following after the third paragraph:

"All delivery units--trucklot and less-than-trucklot (LTL) quantities--must be secured at all times prior to unloading with tamper proof, tamper resistant, serially numbered, high security seals that meet the ISO 17712 standard. Failure to seal or maintain the delivery unit under seal in accordance with these requirements may subject the shipment to rejection.

The contractor must maintain a record of each seal number used for trucklot and LTL delivery units. Additionally, the contractor must ensure that the applicable seal identification number is on each bill of lading, shipment manifest, or other delivery documents for each delivery destination.

When LTL delivery units are transported on the same trailer or railcar and destined for multiple recipients, the trailer or railcar must be sealed after each delivery. The seal number must be recorded on the appropriate delivery documents and correspond with the applied seal at the time of arrival at the next destination. It will be the responsibility of the contractor to provide a sufficient number of seals and ensure that the carrier service (truck or rail) secures the trailer or railcar after each delivery destination. Failure to seal the trailer or railcar after each stop may subject the shipment to rejection at the next scheduled stop and rejection of any subsequent deliveries on the trailer or railcar.

The ISO 17712 standard can be obtained through the following websites: 1) American National Standards Institute: <http://webstore.ansi.org/ansidocstore/iso.asp?> or 2) International Organization for Standardization: <http://www.iso.org/iso/en/CatalogueListPage.CatalogueList>."

Section I.D.4. Food Security Requirements

All references to “Food Security” including the title should be changed to “Food Defense”.
Delete section in its entirety and replace with:

“The contractor and all subcontractors must have a documented and operational food defense plan that provides for the security of a plant’s production processes, which includes the storage and transportation of pre-production raw materials and other ingredients and post-production finished products. The plan shall address the following areas: 1) food defense plan management; 2) outside and inside security of the production and storage facilities; 3) slaughter and processing, including all raw material sources; 4) controlled access to production and storage areas; 5) storage; 6) water and ice supply; 7) mail handling; 8) personnel security; and 9) transportation, shipping, and receiving (includes the sealing of any transport conveyance for trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of finished product).

The food defense plans will be audited by the AMS, ARC Branch (see section I.5.). See FSIS Security Guidelines for Food Processors: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/topics/SecurityGuide.pdf> Information on the transportation and distribution of meat, poultry, and egg products is located at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/topics/transportguide.htm>.”

Section I.D.5.a. Documentation and Assessment Requirement

Please insert the following after the last paragraph:

“For those suppliers who are approved and remain eligible as determined by the Contracting Officer to submit offers, the pre-award assessment audit may be waived provided all new or revised USDA program requirements are met. The contractor’s revised technical proposal must address all new or revised program requirements and be submitted and approved by the Contracting Officer in advance of submitting offers.”

Section II. E. Section 4. Certifications

Certification 2, delete and replace with:

2. By submitting this bid, Offeror certifies it HAS read and DOES agree to the terms of LS-121, Amendment 1; Appendix-1; Inv.____; TRS-BB, dated May 2006; Contractor’s Technical Proposal approved by the Contracting Officer; AMS audit team’s initial report; USDA-1, Rev. 2, and Amds. 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (both boxes must be selected).

- ☐ HAS
- ☐ DOES

Section III. Acceptance of Offers

Delete the last three sentences of first paragraph and insert the following:

“A notice of award will also be issued in the form of a Food Purchase Report (FPR) posted on the **Livestock and Seed Program, USDA, AMS Commodity Procurement Home Page** (see Notice attached), after 1:00 p.m., **Central time** on the day of acceptance. Information on awards will be available by telephone to offerors and interested parties promptly following the posting of the FPR. Inquiries may also be made to a USDA, AMS Market News office or the Contracting Officer.”

Exhibits

Delete table Exhibit G, and insert table shown below:

INV. NO.	COMMODITY TYPE	BID OPENING	AWARD DATE (NOT LATER THAN)	3-DAY DELIVERY PERIOD
008	FRESH BONELESS BEEF	07/14/2006	07/21/2006	08/16-18 08/21-23 08/23-25 08/28-30
009	FRESH BONELESS BEEF	07/28/2006	08/04/2006	08/30-09/01 09/04-06 09/06-08 09/11-13
010	FRESH BONELESS BEEF	08/11/2006	08/18/2006	09/13-15 09/18-20 09/20-22 09/25-27 09/27-29
011	FRESH BONELESS BEEF	08/25/2006	09/01/2006	10/02-04 10/04-06 10/09-11 10/11-13
012	FRESH BONELESS BEEF	09/08/2006	09/15/2006	10/16-18 10/18-20 10/23-25 10/25-27

Note: Purchases will continue on an as needed basis based on recipient demand.

This amendment is effective with offers submitted on or after May 31, 2006.

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